

State Library Report

May 2013

Staffing

With the appointment of Laurie Reeves as Systems Support Librarian in the DIMP (effective July 1, 2013) all State Library positions will be filled!

Outreach and Networking

The GHL added 16 new posts to the *GHL Blog*. Among the May posts were discussions of state documents, including *Great Grammar Adventure: Lessons to Share*, published by the NC Dept. of Public Instruction; abstracts of New Additions to the GHL collection, and the newly digitized version of the *U.S. Colored Troops in North Carolina* now available online in the library. Other posts include genealogy research tips and a quiz "Think you know North Carolina?" featuring NC photos from the original NC ECHO project. Bloggers this month include: Kristin Clark, Erin Bradford, Maria Leblanc, Michelle Underhill, Rebecca Hyman, Lisa Gregory.

The GHL set up patron accounts for the Governor, his senior staff, and several Cabinet Secretaries and presented them all with library cards and an information packet at the Cabinet meeting held at DCR on May 6.

GHL staff provided library tours for 3 librarians; provided presentations and consultation to 1 state agency (DENR Division of Water Resources) and 1 state university (UNC-Wilmington) about the NC State Publications Clearinghouse and GHL resources (Denise Jones); 1 county genealogical society (Stanley County) about genealogy resources for the county local history library collection; and 1 state-funded program, Learn NC (at UNC-CH), about the NCpedia and other possible collaborative opportunities with the GHL (Michelle Underwood, Mike Childs, Emily Horton).

Jan Reagan commenced meetings with the GHL Outreach and Marketing Team who began working to identify the GHL's target markets (existing and potential); GHL services and resources and outreach and marketing practices currently being employed; possible branding for GHL; and development of an Outreach and Marketing plan and approach for presentation to all GHL and State Library staff in mid-summer. Jan and Rebecca Hyman met with Cary Cox, DCR PIO, to discuss the GHL approach and options and to determine how the PIO office can assist with these efforts, including possible funding sources.

Carl Keehn, LBPH Regional Librarian, and Catherine Rubin, LBPH Asst. Regional Librarian, met with Liani Yirka, the Curator of Special Populations with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, to plan a program for early fall that will culminate summer reading programs. The Museum will provide a tactile program at the museum site for LBPH patrons. We are hopeful that this will be the first of many such collaborative projects with the museum community in the state.

Gina Powell and Margaret Evans from the Volunteer and Outreach Services Unit of the LBPH spoke to 65 students at the Governor Morehead School about the upcoming Summer Reading Program to encourage all to participate.

Friends of the NC LBPH, Gary Ray and Helen Pearsall, made presentations to 27 individuals about the LBPH services and resources at two DHHS, Division of Services for the Blind sponsored Mini Center gatherings in Jefferson and Moore Counties. Another Friends member, Kathy Brack, along with her guide dog, Wilda, presented to 32 elementary school students at Conn Elementary in Raleigh as part of their visual disability awareness program.

Lori Special worked with the DCR Educational Database to develop guidelines for inclusion, and coordinated with DPI to merge data into their portal.

Jennifer Pratt, Jeffrey Hamilton and Molly Westmoreland began working with 22 public libraries to participate in the Edge Initiative soft launch. The Edge Initiative is a nation-wide project; North Carolina has been selected as one of 7 pilot states to test the tools developed to assist public libraries with assessing and improving their technology infrastructure and services. Funding for this project is provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Lori Special, Jennifer Pratt, and Kelly Brannock began planning to develop a statewide project that will work with the Campaign for Grade Level Reading to address pre-school children's school readiness and to help prevent the decline in reading levels in school age children over the summer months (the summer slide).

Lori Special attended the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) board meeting and a meeting of the inclusion sub-committee.

Molly Westmoreland attended the Center for the Book meeting at the Library of Congress.

Raye Oldham and Jennifer Pratt attended the NC Digital Heritage Center Advisory Board meeting.

NCLA – Library Development had the following presentations accepted for the 2013 conference.

- Impact of Public Libraries' Children's Services – Jennifer Pratt
- Edge Initiative – Jennifer Pratt, Jeffrey Hamilton, Molly Westmoreland
- On the Same Poem – Molly Westmoreland
- Using Data to Tell Your Story – Joyce Chapman

-LSTA Grant Success Stories – Raye Oldham

-Generation Connected, Reaching out to Teens and Young Adults – LS

Cal Shepard participated in Washington Legislative Day May 7-8 along with a contingent of library supporters from North Carolina. She also attended the Spring Meeting of Chief Officers of State Library Agencies on May 9.

Cal Shepard attended a meeting of the NC LIVE Librarians Council on May 17.

Continuing Education

Beth Hayden gave a presentation on “Historic Newspaper Databases” to 22 GHJ and State Archives Staff which included an overview of the Newspaper Archives, 19th Century Newspapers, and the Augusta Chronicle and some hands-on research.

The GHJ (Beth Hayden) hosted a webinar in conjunction with Kelly Karres, Data Dissemination Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, for 22 state and local government employees, K-12 educators, and librarians on “Accessing Census Data on Children, Families, and Households” from the U.S. Census.

Jan Reagan and Cheryl McLean finalized the program plan and curriculum for the new GHJ Public Services Training Program which will be provided for all GHJ staff who will be working in the Genealogy or the Government & History Research Rooms of the library. The program includes two distinct training segments, one for Genealogical Research and one for Government & History research. The Genealogical Research segment began in May and will run through July. The Government & History segment will commence in September. Training is being provided by GHJ reference staff with input from trainees.

Kelly Brannock and Jeffrey Hamilton provided a brown bag session on LibGuides for LBPH staff,(8).

Raye Oldham presented 2 Collaboration Workshops, Asheville (28 participants) + Winston-Salem (27 participants)

Lori Special and Joyce Chapman presented a webinar, Using Data to Tell Your Story (14 participants + 30 online views)

Kelly Brannock presented 2 NC LIVE Basics Workshops, Elizabeth City (15) + N. Wilkesboro (15) and a LibGuides Workshop, Asheville (12)

David Green presented NC Cardinal Training to the McDowell PL (20)

Cal Shepard provided the keynote address “Disruptive Change and Libraries” at the Robeson County Library staff day (65). Selected staff from neighboring libraries were also invited to attend.

Educational Resources

GHL student intern completed a research guide on Genealogical Newspaper Resources, which includes primarily newspaper indexes of deaths and marriages.

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/content.php?pid=435847>

Activities and Accomplishments

Joyce Chapman worked with 3 county libraries on survey + data consultations – Mauney Memorial Library in Cleveland County, Lincoln County PL, Duplin County PL

Kelly Brannock compiled evaluation data from NC LIVE workshops; and shared with NC LIVE staff.

Joyce Chapman launched the new LD blog. <http://statelibrarync.org/ldblog/> In its first week the blog received 400 subscriptions!

ALL Library Development staff attended an annual Planning Retreat

Lori Special and Kelly Brannock developed a LibGuide for Planning Workshops.

Jeffrey Hamilton developed a LibGuide for Adobe Connect.

Advisory Boards and Other Meetings

NC Cardinal Library Directors and staff met on May 1st to provide input into the next phase of the Cardinal Project. They set up 3 advisory task forces and also made plans for cost-sharing to begin in FY 2014.

The State Library Commission met in Raleigh on May 13. This was the last meeting for the following Commissioners whose terms expired: Wanda Brown, Phil Kissell and Michael Schoenfeld.

Cal Shepard met with NC District 13 Congressman George Holding on May 29th to discuss the Supreme Court decision in the Wiley vs. Kirtsaeng case and the first sale doctrine in copyright law.

Library Collections

The LBPH produced and delivered its first digital magazine cartridge to patrons in mid May that contains all magazine issues released in a 6 week period.

Maria Leblanc and Wanda Hearne in the GHIL Acquisitions & Serials Management Branch implemented new processes and procedures for ordering new materials for the GHIL Collection and submitting invoices to the Budget Office for payment.

GHIL staff (Joyce Throckmorton, Geraldine McMillan, Swayzine McLean) selected, prepared, and sent 283 book, periodical, and state document volumes for binding as part of the GHIL's access and print preservation efforts. Erin Bradford also repaired and prepared binding in-house for approximately 26 additional genealogy volumes.

DCR Historical Publications Section submitted digital copies of 14 publications to the GHIL for inclusion in the NC State Government Publications digital collection for use internally by DCR staff. Staff added a total of 447 items to the NC State Government Publications digital collection in May.

Other Activities

The GHIL extended an offer to the Brimley Library at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences to include them in the GHIL's agency cataloging program. The Brimley library is in need of a new ILS system and is looking into the State Library program as an option. Their decision is pending further investigation into OCLC and other options.

Coming Up

Mitzi Townes contributed an entry on Jack Johnson to the DCR "This Day in History Blog" which will be published on June 10, 2013.

The LBPH Juvenile Summer Reading Program will run from June 1 through August 31. The kick-off event for the program will take place on June 21 at the Governor Morehead School. The NC Museum of Natural Science will be providing a hands-on program related to digging up fossils and other natural relics for the students. To date, participants from as far as Charlotte have registered to participate in the kick-off event!

Interesting GHIL Reference Question and Customer Feedback:

A gentleman called the library desperate to find the exact date of his high school graduation. The night of his graduation was also the night he met his wife and he didn't want her to know that he had forgotten the date! Fortunately for him, when he called the high school, they referred him to the State Library where Carla Morris successfully located an article in the News & Observer on microfilm about the graduation ceremony. She was able to give him the date! Upon receiving the answer, the gentleman replied "Thanks for saving my marriage!"

Comments from users: NCpedia

Ayyeonna wrote on Fri, 05/10/2013 - 11:31 "I looovvvve this website !!"

Terin wrote on Tue, 05/07/2013 - 09:50 "Your article helped me get information that I needed about the weapons during World War I... THANKSSSS!!!!"

Jayson wrote on Thu, 05/16/2013 - 10:43 "NCpedia gave me good info for my NC project."